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15 September 1958

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Deliveries of Photographic Material

REFERENCES : A. [REDACTED] 5938, 14 July 1958
B. [REDACTED] 8681, 22 July 1958
C. [REDACTED] 320, 5 September 1958
D. [REDACTED] 4816 (OUT 71403)

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1. A few comments to flesh out the text of reference D may be helpful to [REDACTED]. We hope we have succeeded by now in separating the problems of support materials for [REDACTED] from the question of fulfilling our commitment to supply photo coverage. We feel it is essential to keep these matters distinct from one another, even though [REDACTED] may be impatient with our efforts to keep these subjects compartmented, principally to protect the security of HTAUTOMAT. We are fully aware of his tendency to treat our security concepts casually, on the basis that one has to consider all available material as part of one big picture, and therefore the working-level men have to have access to everything. However, he has recognized and accepted our standards in the [REDACTED] field, and we must try to ensure that he accords the HTAUTOMAT material, even in its "sanitized" form, the kind of protection which we give it.

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2. To get back to the subject of further deliveries of photos, as we said in reference D, what we propose to do is this: Take the intelligence reports which were sent to you under [REDACTED]-5694, 25th of March 1958 and select photos bearing on each item in these reports. In our first delivery, we of course pretty well covered the items of air interest. We are assuming that [REDACTED] does not really expect us to give him copies of every frame of 2040 film exposed, since this would run between 4,000 and 6,000 pieces. Presumably a good deal of this would be of no value to the [REDACTED] and we would like very much to spare ourselves the time, effort, and expense of making "sanitized" prints from all these negatives. What we would end up in delivering to [REDACTED] might turn out to be something like 150 prints, all of which would have clear-cut items of interest. Then, if there are further specific items of interest to [REDACTED] he can ask us for additional spot coverage.

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3. Part of the problem is that we have so little idea of what the [REDACTED] photographic interpretation capabilities are, and that, of course, is the reason for our suggestion in reference D that the visiting photographic expert try to get inside their shop and see what they can do. It is possible that we can give them considerable assistance in improving the quality of their equipment and their techniques, and if this in turn improves the quality of what product they are giving us, we would be happy to do it.

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4. With respect to the anticipated take from [REDACTED] our present plan is to handle this on the same basis as the product of 2040; that is, with an initial cable summary of the preliminary interpretation, followed by written reports, the latter complemented by photographic coverage. We assume (although you have not specifically mentioned this) that you found it necessary to commit us to deliver the take from [REDACTED], in order to sell [REDACTED] on providing his assistance. As indicated above, we would greatly prefer to handle this new material on the same "sanitized" basis as heretofore, thereby avoiding the very complicated security problems entailed in getting [REDACTED] to adopt an HTAUTOMAT-type security system duplicating in all respects our own.

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5. In the future, in addressing dispatches to Headquarters dealing with this subject, follow procedure for [REDACTED] dispatches with addressee block designated as follows:

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TO: [REDACTED]			
ROOM NO. 315	BUILDING Admin		
REMARKS: <p>Your copy.</p> <p>Please phone if you have any objections or comments to attached.</p> <p>Epit</p>			
FROM: [REDACTED]			
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